



Interstate 805 Corridor Express Lanes Projects

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Maintain or improve traffic operations on the I-805 south corridor, from the interchange with SR-905 to the I-5 Interchange.

Provide safe and efficient regional movement of people and goods.

Provide a highway that will support and enhance transit, carpool and vanpool services and that will be safe, cost effective, and convenient.

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IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

The Interstate 805 Corridor project incorporates the freeway and transit elements recommended in the San Diego Association of Governments' 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Caltrans is proposing to improve I-805 in three segments (see map on back).

The solutions include making the corridor a transit-friendly facility. Transit services would include direct access ramps and transit stations to ease the drive into downtown San Diego. Changes would accommodate single drivers, carpoolers and buses.

MEETING DEMAND

During rush hour, several hot spots reach capacity. For example, traffic demand on northbound I-805 between Imperial Avenue and Market Street reaches 11,500 vehicles at the morning peak hour. In the year 2030, it is estimated that the number of vehicles will increase to about 14,500 in the morning. More detailed traffic studies are underway to determine locations that could benefit from freeway enhancements, such as auxiliary lanes and interchange improvements.

A TRANSNET PROJECT

The funding for this project will come from federal, state and local sources. This includes \$41 million for the Environmental Phase, with \$35 million coming from the TransNet II tax measure program approved by voters in November 2004. The total projected construction cost for all three segments is estimated to be more than \$2 billion including property acquisition.

MAKING PROGRESS

The project is in the middle of the preliminary Engineering and Environmental Phase for the north and south segments. This phase is expected to be completed by 2011. Construction is estimated to begin as early as 2012.

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